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## SENATE BILL No. 344

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DIGEST OF SB 344 (Updated January 15, 2002 11:44 AM - DI 47)

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5.

**Synopsis:** Commission on Hispanic and Latino affairs. Establishes the legislative commission on Hispanic and Latino affairs.

**Effective:** July 1, 2002.

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**Wyss, Alexa, Hershman, Johnson,  
Long, Meeks C, Riegsecker, Mrvan,  
Adams K, Lanane, Ford, Server,  
Skillman, Miller, Zakas, Simpson**

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January 8, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.  
January 15, 2002, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2002)

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## SENATE BILL No. 344

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 2-5-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2       A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3       1, 2002]:

4       **Chapter 27. Legislative Commission on Hispanic and Latino**  
5       **Affairs**

6       **Sec. 1. The legislative commission on Hispanic and Latino**  
7       **affairs is established.**

8       **Sec. 2. (a) The commission shall do the following:**

9           (1) Identify and research issues affecting the Hispanic and  
10          Latino communities.

11          (2) Promote cooperation and understanding between the  
12          Hispanic and Latino communities and other communities  
13          throughout Indiana.

14          (3) Report to the general assembly concerning Hispanic and  
15          Latino issues, including the following:

16           (A) Conditions causing exclusion of Hispanics and Latinos  
17           from the larger Indiana community.

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(B) Measures to stimulate job skill training and related workforce development.

(C) Measures to sustain cultural diversity while improving race and ethnic relations.

(D) Public awareness of issues affecting the Hispanic and Latino communities.

(E) Measures that could facilitate easier access to state and local government services by Hispanics and Latinos.

(F) Challenges and opportunities arising out of the growing Hispanic and Latino population.

(b) The commission may study other topics as assigned by the legislative council or as directed by its chairman.

(c) The commission may make legislative recommendations under rules adopted by the legislative council.

Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of sixteen (16) members appointed as follows:

(1) Two (2) members of the senate, not more than one (1) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, not more than one (1) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(3) Six (6) members of the Hispanic or Latino community who are not members of the general assembly to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(4) Six (6) members of the Hispanic or Latino community who are not members of the general assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

In making appointments under this section, the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall attempt to have the greatest number of counties represented on the commission.

(b) The chairman of the legislative council shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as chairman. Whenever there is a new chairman of the legislative council, the new chairman may remove the chairman of the commission and appoint another chairman.

(c) If a legislative member of the commission ceases being a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed, the member also ceases to be a member of the commission.

(d) A legislative member of the commission may be removed at

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1 any time by the appointing authority who appointed the legislative  
2 member.

3 (e) If a vacancy exists on the commission, the appointing  
4 authority who appointed the former member whose position has  
5 become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

6 Sec. 4. The commission shall operate under the rules of the  
7 legislative council.

8 Sec. 5. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support  
9 to the commission.

10 Sec. 6. Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the  
11 same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals  
12 who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim  
13 study committees established by the legislative council.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senators Hershman and Johnson be added as coauthors of Senate Bill 344.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senators Long, Meeks C, Riegsecker, Mrvan, Adams K, Lanane, Ford, Server and Skillman be added as coauthors of Senate Bill 344.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Miller be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 344.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senators Zakas and Simpson be added as coauthors of Senate Bill 344.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 344, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 17, delete "Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2)" and insert "**Two (2) members of the senate, not more than one (1)**".

Page 2, line 20, delete "Four (4)" and insert "**Two (2)**".

Page 2, line 21, delete "two (2)" and insert "**one (1)**".

Page 2, line 24, delete "Four (4)" and insert "**Six (6)**".

Page 2, line 27, delete "Four (4)" and insert "**Six (6)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 344 as introduced.)

GARTON, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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